

**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**New Defence Programme**

ONE thing can be definitely deduced from Lord Alexander's speech on British rearmament made last week. It is that the Government no longer believes an outbreak of large-scale war to be probable in the near future. The Minister for Defence has said that the new plan "will carry Britain forward into the years to come within the limits of what she can afford." Such a remark could not have been made with assurance at any time between May, 1947 and 1952. Certainly it could not have been made in 1950-51, when the Socialist Government embarked on a \$4,700,000,000 rearmament programme and solvency had to take second place to security. That scheme is coming towards the end of its scheduled three years. It admirably served its purpose, for it was a vigorous expression of British strength and determination which helped to stave off aggression in Europe. Now a new chapter opens. Although war may not be probable it is still possible, and will continue to be a possibility in the absence of a miracle at Berlin. The British Government's first duty, therefore, is to have ready at all times a war organisation which can be rapidly expanded in emergency. At the same time cost is an important consideration. The country must be strong enough to support the Government's foreign policy, yet not ruin itself with defence expenditure. THERE are other insistent requirements. Britain must contrive to have enough of the right arms and equipment and yet not be burdened with such a mass of material that when it becomes obsolescent the country cannot afford to replace it. Wherefore, further rearmament involves the most skilful balancing of factors and forces. Not only is the scene changing politically, but scientifically as well—and at great speed. What is required from the Government and its advisers is, besides knowledge and foresight, a generous measure of inspired guesswork—and happily the British record in that respect (at least on the technical side) has been superb in recent years. It is to be hoped that this will be maintained. At all events Lord Alexander has given the assurance that "many months of careful thought and preparation" have been given to the new programme. Even so the resulting financial burdens are bound to be heavy. They could be lightened, perhaps, if Germany were making a full contribution to European defence. At present she is not doing so—though this could conceivably be rectified as a result of the Berlin Conference, if that result should fortunately enough follow the approved pattern.

# QUEEN'S LIFE THREATENED

## Letter In Hands Of Adelaide Police AUTHORITIES TAKING A "VERY SERIOUS VIEW" Wide Search For Author

MELBOURNE, FEB. 4.

A LETTER THREATENING TO KILL QUEEN ELIZABETH IS BEING VIEWED VERY SERIOUSLY, THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN POLICE COMMISSIONER, MR IVOR B. GREEN, SAID TONIGHT.

DETECTIVES, HE ADDED, WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FIND THE AUTHOR OF THE LETTER, WHICH WAS HANDED TO ADELAIDE POLICE.

Since the weekend, detectives and police of the special branch have been "secretly at work" trying to find the writer, who is thought to be one of a group of German migrants brought to Australia after a visit to Germany by Mr C. H. Fodock, Secretary of South Australian Railways.

According to the Melbourne weekly newspaper Truth, the letter was posted in Melbourne last weekend.

Commonwealth security officers and Victorian and South Australian detectives were trying to locate the author, who was believed to be a German who once worked for the South Australian Railways, the newspaper reported. It added: "Detectives in Adelaide are checking the handwriting in the letter with the handwriting of every German labourer and technician brought out to work on the South Australian Railways since the end of the war."

Truth said the author might be "a Hitler youth fanatic whose mind has been poisoned with anti-British propaganda and who has been taught to hate everything British, the Royal Family in particular."—Reuter.

### SYDNEY GOES MAD

Sydney, Feb. 4. A state banquet tonight climaxed for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh a day of almost unprecedented crowds, cheers and the rejoicing townsfolk of Sydney.

A temperature of 74 degrees Fahrenheit (about 23 degrees Centigrade) warmed some of the spectators but the Queen appeared cool, serene and as fresh as ever.

A police inspector collapsed and died as 60,000 people packed the streets to see the Royal couple drive to and from the opening of the New South Wales State Parliament today.

The Queen, wearing a full skirted gown of gold lace silk tulle, told the Assembly in a three-minute speech: "The welcome accorded to us was so cordial and spontaneous that we shall always remember it."

As she left the century-old chamber and re-appeared in the brilliant sunshine, the famous "Sydney roar" rolled out again and again.

She and the Duke were separated for the first time since their arrival when the Queen lunched with members of women's organisations, while the Duke went to Tate University for lunch.

The crowd of 70,000 which lined the Queen's route to her lunch at the Trocadero broke

through the police barrier, reaching to within a few feet of her open car, before they were pressed back by motor cycles driven slowly along the edge of the crowd.

### WOMEN FAINT

Women fainted as they were forced to their knees, and many were taken away by ambulance. When the Queen left, a stronger barrier had been erected.

Sydney has taken the Royal pair to its heart so completely that its citizens are missing their sleep, and judging by the number of children among the crowds, little attention has been paid to the reopening of the school term.

Tomorrow the Queen will go to Hyde Park to open a memorial to her father and

### Pope's Condition Deteriorates

Vatican City, Feb. 4.

Pope Pius XII was tonight reported to be very weak, and having difficulty in taking food.

After first restricting the Pope's diet to liquids, his physician has since had to resort to artificial feeding. At the same time, the pontiff has been given a series of intravenous injections in order to build up his strength.

Despite his weakness, Pope Pius has continued as far as possible to decide problems submitted to him.—France-Press.

grandfather (King George VI and King George V) in the form of a pair of bronze gates.

The only cloud over Australia's happiness was caused by a report from Melbourne that a letter threatening to kill the Queen had been posted last weekend.

Intercepted by police when it arrived in South Australia, the letter was written in poor English and said "pleasely will see her (the Queen) killed when she comes to Australia."

The Melbourne newspaper Truth, which published the report, said detectives were looking the author, who was believed to be a German, perhaps a "Hitler youth fanatic," who once worked for the South Australian Railways.—Reuter.

### DISORDERLY CROWDS

Sydney, Feb. 5. Crowds are rapidly getting out of hand, according to Gordon Williams, the Argus correspondent covering the royal tour.

In an article published today in the Argus, Williams said the crowds yesterday broke through barriers, tried to rush the royal couple and fought among themselves—settling the police in "appalling" task.

"If this conduct continues and I believe it will grow worse, neither the Queen nor the Duke will be able to move about without a strong bodyguard, which in itself would be a woeful commentary on the Australian community's failure to recognise its obligations and its plain duty to its distinguished guests," Williams wrote.

The correspondent said he watched yesterday "mob scenes which would discredit a people far more primitive than we Australians believe ourselves to be."

He said he had seen women fighting to get nearer to the barricades, heard abuse yelled at policemen lining the routes and seen teenagers trying to mob the Duke.

He reported: "Just before the Queen arrived at the royal banquet room a thousand people caught up in a potentially dangerous mass, swept through the barriers past the police cordons and surged into the roadway."

At night, the Queen and the Duke "evidence that the police are aware of the growing discipline of the people."—Reuter.

### Atomic Cannons For Europe

Washington, Feb. 4. The United States Army said today that another batch of cannons was going to Europe to augment the six big guns sent there last autumn.

The announcement said that the 204th Field Artillery Battalion, equipped with the 280 millimetre atomic cannons, had been alerted for movement to Europe.—Reuter.

### Rescued By Ship

Algiers, Feb. 4. All five crewmen of the French military aircraft lost today over the Mediterranean near the Balearic Islands have been rescued by a ship, authorities reported tonight.

The crewmen, who reported unhurt, were picked up by the ship, "Marie-Catherine Schaffner," the officials said.—United Press.

### Wedding Gifts From HK

London, Feb. 4.

A large Tientsin carpet and handwoven brocades from Hongkong, sables from Russia and lingerie from Paris are among the presents received by 23 year-old secretary, Jean Beckett of Liverpool, who, in a fortnight's time will marry 25 year-old Lawrence Stoppford Holt, son of shipowner Lawrence Durning Holt.

Jean became engaged two years ago when her fiancé went to the Far East to learn the family business. During his absence she has tapped away on her typewriter in the Holt shipping lines Liverpool office.

After Switzerland and Paris the honeymoon couple will live in a ten bedroomed house at Liverpool vacated by Mr Holt Senior when he retired and took up cattle breeding at Hereford.—London Express Service.

### S. KOREA'S LATEST COMPLAINT

Seoul, Feb. 5.

South Korea charged today that the Indian custodial forces were illegally overstaying their assignment in Korea and "have no business whatsoever" here.

The ROK Government issued the complaint in a statement protesting against the Indian refusal to release 17 North Korean and Chinese Communist POWs still in the neutral zone.

"Anti-Communist" prisoners were released to free citizens on Jan. 23, the South Korean announcement said. "And the Indians' assignment ended at that time. Now the Indians have no business whatsoever in Korea."

The Indian Command, sent here to supervise war prisoner repatriation, said the 17 prisoners, who are charged with murder and other violations, should be held until their prosecution was completed.

But the ROKs said the POWs should be returned to the United Nations immediately.

"The Indians have no right to continue their activities in the neutral zone and above all else they have no authority to retain prisoners who should have been released long ago," South Korea said. "The ROK Government joins the United Nations Committee in demanding immediate repatriation to the West of these men."—United Press.

### Comets To Undergo 50 Modifications

London, Feb. 4.

The British Overseas Airways Corporation revealed tonight that the comet jet airliners which were grounded after the crash of a comet off the island of Elba last month would not be put back into service before the month of March.

Meanwhile, they would undergo 50 modifications. This was announced by Sir Miles Thomas, the Chairman of the BOAC, in a personal letter to the 20,000 employees of the corporation.

The modifications would include the fitting of armour plate shields between the zone of turbine blades and fuel tanks, and more fire warning detectors.

Sir Miles said that some of the modifications had been decided upon after a discovery of signs from the wreckage of the comet, recovered off Elba of "Unusual heat near a fuel tank."

The letter said that so far, there was no indication of the basic fault in the design of the comet airliner. While possible sabotage cannot be ruled out, "it must not be assumed as a possibility," he said.

Overriding importance, the letter concluded.—France Press.

## Molotov's "No" To Eden's Plan For Germany

Berlin, Feb. 4.

The Soviet Union today categorically rejected the Eden plan to reunite Germany under a freely-elected government and formally proposed to the Big Four conference that a provisional Government be created out of the present East and West regimes.

Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, in rejecting Mr Eden's plan, said this plan paid too much attention to parliamentary institutions and to the technical, organisational and procedural aspects of democracy.

According to a British spokesman, Mr Molotov said the Eden plan also neglected the important question of what results such elections might lead to.

Mr Molotov insisted that the organisation, preparation and execution of elections were a matter for the Germans themselves.

Here, the four powers should recommend to the Governments of Eastern and Western Germany to summon urgently a conference of their plenipotentiary representatives. This conference should agree on the organisation and powers of a provisional all-German government.

This provisional government could be set up in the place of the existing Governments of East and West Germany, or, if this proved difficult at present, these Governments could be maintained for a certain period of time.

One of the principal tasks of the provisional government would be to draft an election law that would ensure the genuinely democratic character of the election; the participation of all democratic organisations; and the carrying out of the election under conditions of genuine freedom, which would preclude any pressure on the voters by monopolies.

Mr Molotov said that under the Eden plan, bankers and industrialists could throw in millions of marks and dollars to buy votes.

"DISTRUSTFUL" "The Eden plan was imbued with distrust of the Germans. One could not leave the Germans out. It would be an insult to their long democratic traditions."

"Must even an all-German election law be manufactured in England?" Mr Molotov asked. A British spokesman later commented that the Russian rejection of the Eden plan and the tabling of an "unacceptable" Soviet plan "makes it difficult to see how the conference can reach agreement on the German question."

After hearing the Western Ministers' comments on his plan, Mr Molotov, according to a French spokesman, then added that it seemed that the Western Ministers had not rejected his proposal.

Mr Dulles quickly answered that if Mr Molotov thought he had accepted his plan, "somebody here must be misled."

The French spokesman, commenting on this exchange at the end of the session, said, "we hope that the music at tonight's reception in the Soviet Embassy will smooth things out."

The three Western Ministers were invited to Mr Molotov's residence tonight to attend a concert at which Galina Ulanova, the leading Russian ballerina, was to appear.—Reuter.

M. Georges Bidault, of France, said that at first sight he wondered how conciliation between the Soviet and Western proposals could be possible.

TWO PREMISES The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, observed that the Soviet rejection of his plan seemed to be based on two premises:

1. Because man was sometimes evil he should therefore not be free.

2. Because parliamentary institutions were sometimes abused by totalitarian powers, therefore they were bad.

The Soviet plan was produced after M. Bidault, the first speaker today, challenged Mr Molotov to state whether he was prepared to agree to the formation of a united German Government by free elections.

"Mr Molotov owes us frank answers," M. Bidault declared. "A united Germany will not be bound and cannot be bound—this is an absolute rule of international law. Mr Molotov knows as well as we do by all obligations concluded either by the Federal Republic or by the East German Government."

The Soviet Foreign Minister, in one of the sharpest attacks against the West ever to be made by a Communist leader, warned that "new Von Papens may rise in Germany."

"Hitler will rise his pupils in Germany, and we should not allow them. We should take leading positions even by Parliamentary means."

Mr Eden seemed to have ignored that side of the matter and had been carried away by "normal constitutionalism."

### Their Faces Were Red

From Henry Lowrie

Washington, Feb. 3. American Air Force officials were red-faced with embarrassment and anger today when one of their best-kept secrets was allowed by Congressmen to leak out.

The Air Force is planning to build arsenals abroad to store "special weapons" including atomic bombs. The project is ultra hush-hush because no one is supposed to know where the atom bombs are kept.

A congressional subcommittee met secretly yesterday and gave its approval. But today the House Armed Services Committee had to confirm the decision—which it did at a public session. The plan was identified only by a number, but it was too late—the secret was out.

Air Force officials went into a quick huddle and decided to draw even tighter the security net about their \$28 million atomic storage problem which calls for various world-wide locations.—London Express Service.

Smuggling Suspect Caught

Yokohama, Feb. 5.

An attempt by a 23-year-old youth to smuggle out 396 watches from the British ship, Eastern Queen, here yesterday was foiled by alert custom officers.

The youth, who gave his name as Shiro Nakagawa of Osaka City, was caught as he got off the ship.

A search revealed that he carried 350 ladies' and 40 men's watches. Police questioning so far has failed to disclose how Nakagawa obtained the watches.

The Eastern Queen sailed for Yokohama and Kobe last night and custom officers in those ports have been instructed to investigate the ship further.—United Press.

A tragedy occurred on Chinese New Year Day when a six-year-old girl, Chan Kit-fong, playing on board a lighter at No 4 Kowloon Wharf, fell into the sea. The alarm was raised and the girl was rescued alive, but she died on the way to Kowloon Hospital.



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## PERSIAN BRAWLING FLARES UP

## A Simple Platform

Oklahoma City, Feb. 4. G. V. Fries, a public utility worker and political unknown, was elected today in the race for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate.

## Russia Woos Yugoslavia To Return To The Fold

London, Feb. 4. Diplomatic observers said today Russia's "invitation" to Yugoslavia to return to the Soviet sphere was an attempt to stir internal trouble for Marshal Tito and discounted the possibility of a change in Moscow's attitude toward the Belgrade Government.

The observers said the full text of the article on the Milovan Djilas case, published by the official Cominform Journal, did not reveal any change of Russian policy.

Nor did the week-end invitation forecast any new or startling developments in the near future, they said.

What the article may indicate is a return to a previous Soviet propaganda line, plunged unsuccessfully by Moscow for some years after President Tito's break with the Cominform.

These observers feel that Russia believes the expulsion of Djilas has again troubled the waters in the Yugoslav Party and a renewal of the old, unsuccessful Moscow line might appeal to those members who still yearn for ties with Russia's international Communism.

Until about 1951, the Cominform Journal and Stalinist propaganda in general seemed to count on the possibility of a revolt by the rank and file of the Yugoslav Communist Party against Tito and the anti-Russian Party leaders. It tried hard to incite discussion within the Party.

This is exactly the line followed by the latest Cominform Journal article on Yugoslavia, they said. In view of the wide ramifications of Djilas' expulsion from the Party leadership, Moscow is trying to exploit to her advantage whatever trouble and tension may now exist in Yugoslavia.—United Press.

## 'Triumph &amp; Tragedy' On Sale Soon

London, Feb. 4. The sixth and final volume of Sir Winston Churchill's history of World War II will reach the bookshelves on April 26, Cassell's announced today.

The meticulous Prime Minister has minute revisions of the book, "Triumph and Tragedy," to his publishers right up until the press run started in December.—United Press.

## Electronic Brain Got The Answer In 9½ Minutes

New York, Feb. 3. An "electronic brain" capable of doing 14,000 mathematical operations a second passed its first commercial bank test today.

Asked to figure out a bank cost analysis for the National City Bank, the IBM "701" computer came up with the answer in exactly 9½ minutes. This would have taken more than 1,000 hours in previous years.

In a joint venture sponsored by the Bank and the International Business Machines Corporation, the "pilot" test was considered so successful by Bank and Company officials that it was believed likely it may materially transform the system of Bank and industrial cost accounting.

Here is the problem: At the beginning of each year, in January, the Bank sets up for the balance of the ensuing year budget allocations of expense items some 180 of its departments. A requirement is that costs must be distributed, on a regular basis, to each of the beginning of each department.

## Kashani Threatens More Trouble

Teheran, Feb. 4. Teheran Police arrested about 30 demonstrators — mostly students shouting anti-Shah and anti-British slogans — as the city went to the polls to elect members of the Senate.

Troops stood by with fixed bayonets in the bazaar area and police broke up several scuffles between Government supporters and pro-Mossaddegh elements.

The religious fanatic, Ayatollah Kashani, today denounced General Zahedi, the Prime Minister, for "suppressing freedom" and "imposing traitors and dirty British agents" on Persia. He threatened a campaign "to restore freedom to Persia."

The elections in Persia are spread over three days and the Government has lifted martial law during the polling period. The city will elect 15 Senators and the provinces another 15. Thirty others will be appointed by the Shah. Only literate men over 25 can vote.

Dr. Mossaddegh, the deposed Prime Minister, is barred from taking part under Persia's election laws. But his name heads a list of 75 famous regime supporters which is being secretly distributed in the city. One list was thrust into the Reuter correspondent's hand as he watched voters filing into a booth next door to the Majlis building late yesterday.

All 75 men named in it were former Mossaddegh ministers, envoys and deputies. Government officials do not deny that an emotional attachment to Mossaddegh still remains in Teheran. But they describe it as "ignorant, mischievous and misled."

Ayatollah Kashani, Persian religious leader who played an important political role under the Mossaddegh regime, has issued a statement to foreign correspondents here alleging that the elections are being rigged.

Kashani denounced General Fazlollah Zahedi, the Prime Minister, for "suppressing freedom" and "imposing traitors and dirty British agents" on Persia.

With troops standing guard as Teheran polled in the Senate elections, 72-year old Kashani announced the start soon of an anti-government campaign to restore to Persia the "freedom to put patriots in power."

In a typed and signed statement issued privately to foreign correspondents, Ayatollah Kashani accused the government of installing nominees "under the protection of bayonets." He alleged that the elections are being rigged.

"Candidates are not allowed to visit their constituencies, ballot boxes are stuffed with votes beforehand and any decision taken by such a Parliament will be invalid from the Persian national point of view," he declared.

The reference to "any decision" was taken to be a veiled reminder that the most crucial issue facing the Majlis (House of Parliament) is the oil question.—Reuter.

"MARTIAL LAW" Teheran, Feb. 4. Police today re-imposed martial law here and accused Communists and followers of the former Prime Minister, Dr. Mohammed Mossaddegh, of using hand grenades and trying forcibly to disrupt security forces during the past three days voting for the Persian Senate.

Martial law was lifted for the polling which ended last night.

## Molotov Interprets History

Berlin, Feb. 3. The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Molotov, told the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, today that the Soviet alliance in 1939 with the Nazis was forced upon Russia by the West.

Mr. Dulles yesterday, at the Foreign Ministers' meeting, said that Mr. Molotov had made mistakes in the past, particularly in 1939. Today Mr. Molotov replied:

"He (Dulles) did not elaborate on the circumstances prevailing in 1939. The Soviet Union conducted negotiations with the governments of England and France, seeking an agreement to prevent war and to thwart Hitlerite aggression.

"Everyone knows that at that time the strongest representative of Anglo-French policy was the well-known Neville Chamberlain. He also had support in the United States.

"The Chamberlain policy was directed at inciting Hitler to attack the Soviet Union. This policy was unsuccessful at that time.

"It should not be forgotten, however, that Chamberlain and his French colleagues did not want any agreements with the Soviet Union which might have tied Hitler's hands," said Mr. Molotov. "By this they hoped to expedite the Hitler attack on Poland and so they bear the guilt for unleashing the war in 1939."—United Press.

## Britain's "Mobile Strategic Reserve"

London, Feb. 4. The Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill said today that if "proper and decent" arrangements could be made, British troops in the Suez Canal zone could help to form a mobile strategic reserve in Britain.

He told the House of Commons in reply to questions: "We have frequently spoken about the deployment of our forces in the Canal Zone which are at present a very heavy drain on our resources.

"Certainly if proper and decent arrangements can be made, they will undoubtedly be one of the main sources which will enable us to carry out our policy of forming a mobile strategic reserve."—Reuter.

## HK Crackers Seized In Singapore

Singapore, Feb. 4. Singapore police raided several bazaar shops yesterday and seized quantities of illegal sand crackers shaped like little bombs made in Hong Kong and Japan.

The crackers exploded with a loud report when thrown to the ground. It is believed they were smuggled into the Colony for Chinese New Year celebrations under a false description.—Reuter.

## Russia Wants To Keep Listening Post In Japan

Tokyo, Feb. 4. Russia apparently will keep a diplomatic foothold in Japan despite the reported surrender of a Soviet envoy to American intelligence agents, it appeared today.

The defection of Yuri Rastvorov, highest-ranking Russian diplomat to gain American asylum since the end of World War II, does not signal the abandonment of the Soviet's vital Far Eastern listening post in Tokyo.

An official of the Mission told the United Press that Russia "possibly" would send more diplomatic employees to Japan to replace the deserter and seven more who are returning home.

Informed sources said that Rastvorov, Second Secretary of the USSR Mission here, missing since January 24, had asked the U.S. authorities for political asylum. American officials declined to comment but it was reliably reported that Rastvorov had been taken to Okinawa, where he was detaining how the Russians spy on American military strength in Japan and Korea.

The Japanese police believe that Rastvorov was a key figure in Soviet espionage activities and any information he gave the United States would be invaluable for counter-intelligence.

MYSTERIOUS MISSION The mysterious Soviet mission, housed in a two-story mansion set behind an iron picket fence, lost its legality three years ago when Russia refused to sign the San Francisco peace treaty which officially ended the Pacific war.

The mission has dwindled to about 21 members from a high of about 80 during the Allied occupation, but an official indicated that Russia would keep a skeleton staff here indefinitely.

Since Japan regained its sovereignty, it has ordered six members of the Soviet Mission home but has tolerated the remaining Russians. The Tokyo Government cracked down on the illegal mission only once. In late 1952 Japan ordered out of the country two Tass correspondents, a Pravda writer, a movie executive and two members of their families, all attached to the mission.—United Press.

A CLUE Tokyo, Feb. 3. Japanese police searching for the missing Russian Second Secretary, Yuri A. Rastvorov, today concentrated their hunt on a clue given by two members of the Russian mission yesterday.

A Tokyo police spokesman said that the Russian mission yesterday informed them officially that two members of the mission saw Rastvorov's mail and board an American army bus.

Police said it was not unusual for foreigners to take army buses because passengers were not required to show identity cards, and there was no way of checking whether they were bona fide employees.—Reuter.

## TORIES WIN

London, Feb. 4. The Conservative Party retained its 10-vote majority in the House of Commons today when Thomas Broughton, a cousin of the Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, defeated Thomas Richardson (Lab.) in the North Hants by-election.

Mr. Broughton received 10,254 votes to 9,927 for Mr. Richardson. George Thomson (Liberal) trailed with 2,430 votes.

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# "THERE CANNOT BE TWO CHINAS IN UN"

## Jebb Gives Conditions For Communists' Entry

New York, Feb. 4. Britain's permanent delegate to the United Nations, Sir Gladwyn Jebb said yesterday "it would be inconceivable to have two Chinas represented at the United Nations."

Sir Gladwyn, who leaves his post as Britain's permanent delegate to the United Nations next month to take up his new assignment as British Ambassador to France, spoke at a "farewell" luncheon given by the United Nations Correspondents Association.

A correspondent asked whether it was possible for both the Chinese mainland and Formosa to be represented at the United Nations.

"Anything is possible provided you get agreement," replied Sir Gladwyn, "but it is inconceivable that both Governments would have a seat at the United Nations."

He said a Government which did not represent the mainland would have to be taken into the United Nations as an entity, and their admission would be governed by the veto.

Sir Gladwyn was asked whether he thought Communists would eventually be represented at the United Nations. He referred to his recent speech in Baltimore in which he said "personally, I have little doubt that if hostilities do not recur in Korea, and if it can be shown that the Chinese Communists are not preparing to indulge in further aggressions and appear to be willing to settle their differences with the outside world in a peaceful manner, change in representation will eventually come about."—Reuter.

### US May Postpone Survey

Washington, Feb. 4. The United States is expected to postpone its proposed survey of Australian northern waters until after further discussions with the Australian Government.

The Australian Cabinet rejected an American proposal to use Japanese census in survey ships after countrywide objections.

A State Department spokesman said here today that Australian and American officials in Canberra and Tokyo would have further discussions on the survey. The Department had every confidence the difficulties would "be solved in a friendly spirit."

The survey has been arranged under the Australia, New Zealand and United States defence pact (ANZUS).—Reuter.

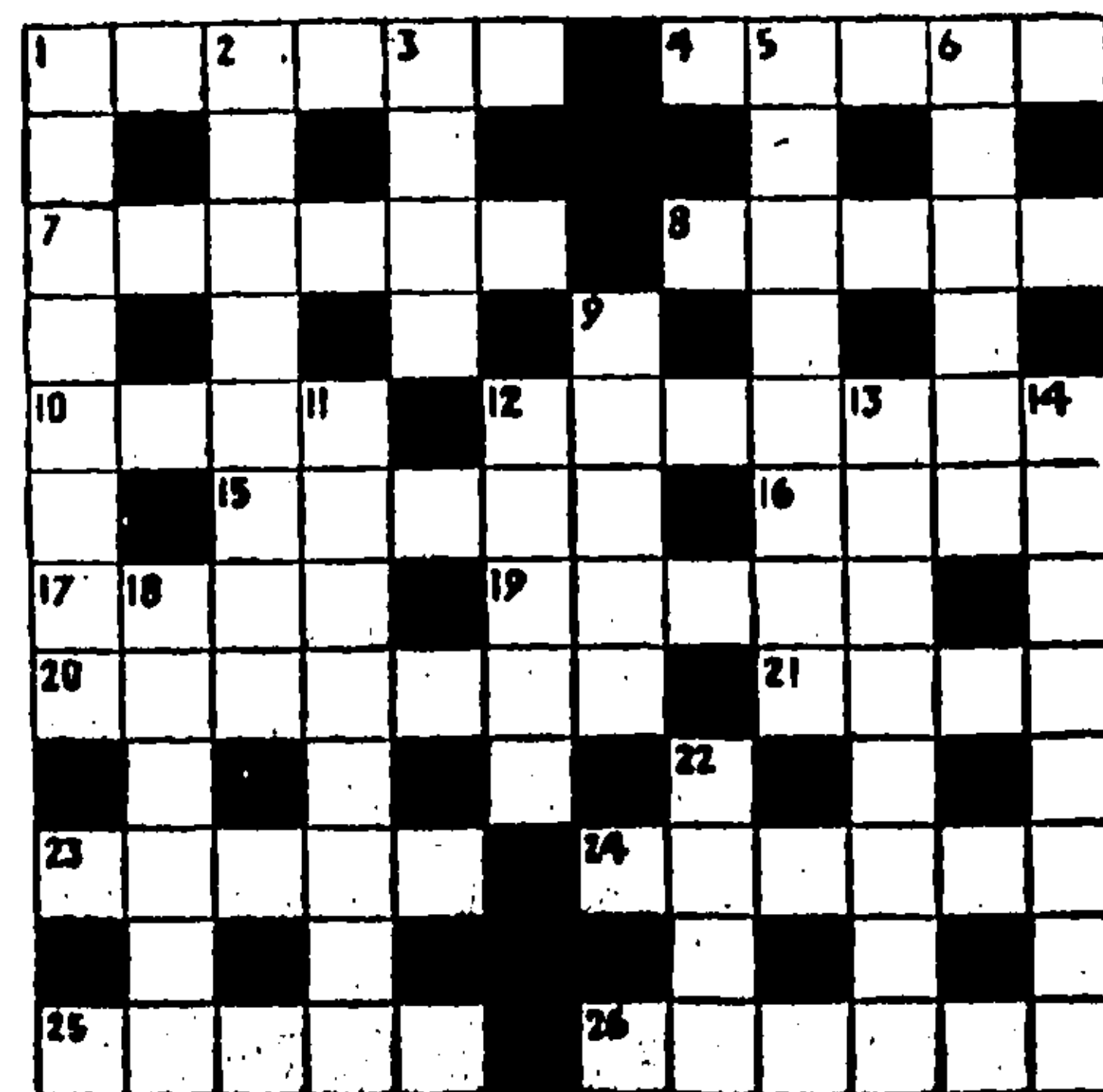
### US Greek To Be Deported For Red Activities

Washington, Feb. 4. The Justice Department said today Nicholas Tsermenas was arrested at his home at Jamaica, New York, for deportation to Greece on grounds of Communist Party activity.

The Department said he was taken immediately to Ellis Island in New York Harbour, where he will be held without bond pending a hearing before special inquiry officer of the Immigration Service.

Tsermenas first came to America in 1916. He was alleged to be a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party's Greek bureau from 1925 to 1927.—United Press.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**  
1 Mysterious (6).  
4 Acknowledge (5).  
7 Fur (6).  
8 Sharp (5).  
10 Metal (4).  
12 Complaint (7).  
15 Weapon (8).  
16 Excuse (4).  
17 Beasts (4).  
19 Heavenly messenger (5).  
20 Throw away (7).  
21 Plunge (4).  
23 Angler's bait (5).  
24 Bird (6).  
25 Bank (5).  
26 Compelled (6).

**DOWN**  
1 Burden excessively (8).  
2 Likens (8).  
3 Connect (4).  
5 Ran away (8).  
6 Chant (6).  
9 Devil (5).  
11 Diplomatic (8).  
12 Scare (5).  
13 Oval (8).  
14 Gifted (8).  
16 Penetrates (6).  
18 Tramp (4).

**TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 3 Rotating; 8 Letter; 9 variable; 11 Rotating; 12 Abed; 13 Feted; 18 Delay; 19 Away; 22 Complete; 24 Redgerce; 25 Snared; 26 Ruthless. Down: 1 Fire; 2 Play; 3 Revived; 4 Oval; 5 Arm; 6 Implies; 7 Greedy; 10 Hated; 14 Master; 15 Deceitful; 16 Brink; 17 Bland; 20 Host; 21 Ready; 23 Cal; 24 Miss.

### "Miss Paris" Of 1954



This is 17-year-old Mlle Danielle Maleval pictured after her election as "Miss Paris 1954" recently. She is a mannequin.

### "Socially Neglected" So She Put Arsenic In Sunday School Sweets

Tampa, Florida, Feb. 4. A grey-haired 49-year-old woman confessed she sent poisoned sweets to members of her husband's Sunday School class because she was "neglected socially," authorities said today.

Mrs. Leola Bella Overton, admitted she was responsible for the mysterious poisoning attempt on members of the Lake Wales First Baptist Church last December.

Postal authorities have been working on the case since it was first reported because the poison was sent through the mails. They said the only thing that saved the 21 persons who ate the sweets was the fact that the would-be poisoner overdid the job.

The investigation was directed with the secret arrest of Mrs. Overton. She was brought before a Commissioner here for arraignment.

"I'm guilty," she said, and broke into tears. She was charged with five counts of "wilfully" sending poisoned articles through the mail "with the intent to kill or injure."

The Lake Wales Police Chief, K. M. Mellick, said she told him she felt she was "neglected socially."

Because of the overlarge amounts of arsenic Mrs. Overton put in the candy, investigators said, the victims became nauseated, saving themselves from fatal amounts of the poison.

Mrs. Overton, the wife of Jess Overton, Sunday School superintendent of the Church at Lake Wales, 60 miles east of Tampa. The Overtons have two children.—United Press.

### US Should Not Talk Recession

New York, Feb. 4. The people of the United States are talking themselves into a recession for which there is "no economic justification," a leading German industrialist declared here today.

At a press conference, Hubert Sternberg, chairman of the Board of Schnellpressenfabrik, AG, Western Germany, the world's largest printing press manufacturers, urged Americans "not to kill their own prosperity by talking." He based his opinion on extensive interviews with leading American bankers, industrialists and economists on a two-month tour of the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Mr. Sternberg said he told his American counterparts not to "talk themselves out of business" but to talk up prosperity instead of pessimism.—United Press.

### Monarchical Malaya Govt Advocated

Singapore, Feb. 4. A South Malayan Muslim political organisation has suggested that Malaya become an independent kingdom and has drawn up a tentative constitution providing for a monarchical government.

Twenty representatives of the Peninsula Malay League voted approval of a draft constitution on Sunday that would create a "United Kingdom of Malaya." The proposed constitution will be brought up for discussion at the National Congress meeting in Kuala Lumpur on March 3.

The proposed blueprint for a Malayan monarchy is based on the same principles as Great Britain's, a League spokesman said. It recommends a strong central government ruled by a King, who will be aided by a Cabinet headed by a Prime Minister.

The proposed kingdom would embrace all Malay States and settlements. Under the proposed constitution, the King would be assisted by the nine Sultans of the Federated Malay States. The British High Commissioner would hold the status of Ambassador to the kingdom.

Citizens of the country would be known as "Malayans" and would owe allegiance to the United Kingdom of Malaya. The constitution would guarantee freedom of religion, speech, opinion, assembly and movement.—United Press.

### Agreement On Iranian Oil Is Expected

London, Feb. 4. Eight oil companies, five of them American, are expected to reach an agreement on the resumption of oil production in Persia in the next two weeks.

Radio Teheran said for the first time yesterday that several oil companies were making a concerted effort to restore the flow of the country's oil to world markets.

The British Foreign Office said talks in London were in an "initial stage" still and had not reached a point where "basic agreement could be said to have been reached." But the plans for the future took shape at the round-table conference of oil firms here.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, which was forced to leave Iran nearly three years ago by former Premier Mohammed Mossaddegh, announced that representatives of eight international oil firms met again today to work out an agreement on how to restore the oil to the market.—United Press.

### The Garrison Players

### "Bonaventure"

by Charlotte Hastings.

SOON

### Eisenhower Confirms H-Bomb At Eniwetok

Washington, Feb. 4. President Eisenhower told Congress yesterday the United States made "the first full-scale thermonuclear (hydrogen) explosion in history" at Eniwetok, in the Pacific, in 1952.

This was the first official confirmation that the Eniwetok explosion, which was reported to have wiped out an island, was a major test of devices leading to the hydrogen bomb.

Mr. Eisenhower called the experiment "a necessary first step in the hydrogen weapon programme of the United States."

"At that time, it (the Eniwetok test) represented the furthest advance of research and development in nuclear weapons," he said in a statement.—Reuter.

### "CAUGHT UP"

London, Feb. 4. A prominent British physicist said yesterday Russia had "caught up" with the West in the designing of atomic weapons and may even forge ahead unless the United States ends her "psycho hysteria."

Oxford University Thermodynamics Professor, F. E. Simon, said in a London University lecture this "hysteria" was dangerous for two reasons:

1. Russia has plenty of good atom scientists of her own and anyone who thinks she can progress only with the help of "stolen secrets" is kidding himself into a false sense of security.

2. Super-security is leading to "sterility" in America's own atomic research.

Professor Simon, who developed early gaseous diffusion processes for obtaining Uranium-235, said the Russians "seem to have surpassed the Americans in the output of scientists and technologists."

"And although nothing is known directly of their quality, to judge from the results it does not seem to be poor," he added.—United Press.

### "QUIT RATTLING"

Washington, Feb. 4. The United States Secretary of Defense, Mr. Charles E. Wilson, appealed to the United States press today to "quit rattling the atomic bomb."

At his weekly press conference Mr. Wilson deplored the current emphasis in discussions of President Eisenhower's new military programme on atomic weapons and compared this tendency to the "saber rattling" of the past.

Mr. Wilson said he would put more emphasis on the fact that the United States must be militarily strong so long as it faced the possibility of war but had no intention of becoming an aggressor itself.—Reuter.

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## That Dunkirk 'Smear' Wiped Out For Ever

By MILTON SHULMAN

Author of the postwar bestseller, "Defeat In The West"

FIELD-MARSHAL GERD VON RUNDSTEDT leaned across the map of France and pointed ruefully at Dunkirk.

"To me that was one of the great turning points of the war," he said.

"If I had had my way the English would not have got off so lightly at Dunkirk. But my hands were tied by direct orders from Hitler himself."

"While the English were clambering into ships off the beaches, I was kept uselessly outside the port unable to move."

It was a few months after the end of the war and Rundstedt, in a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany, was answering my questions about his part in the defeat of France in 1940.

As Commander-in-Chief of Army Group A, his armoured forces had smashed through the Ardennes and reached the Channel coast at Abbeville on May 20 only ten days after the German offensive had begun.

### The order

BY the 23rd, German panzer divisions were poised on the Gravelines-St. Omer-Bethune Canal ready for a final assault against Dunkirk, less than ten miles away. The capture of Dunkirk would have trapped the bulk of the British Expeditionary Force.

Then, according to Rundstedt, he received a mysterious telephone call from the Fuehrer's headquarters ordering the tanks to halt on the line of the canal and advance no closer than medium artillery range (eight or nine miles) from Dunkirk. Rundstedt's protests were quickly dismissed.

It was not until May 27—three days later—that Hitler permitted the panzer divisions to advance. By then it was too late. The breathing space had given the British time to strengthen their defences.

The renewed German assault was held and over 338,000 Allied troops were taken off the beaches and landed in England. By June 4 the "miracle" of Dunkirk had been accomplished.

But was the decision to halt the tanks outside Dunkirk Hitler's alone? Not only Rundstedt but Guderian, Blumentritt, Kleist, Halder, and other senior officers involved in the campaign insist that it was.

### 'Nervous'

"THE opportunity was wasted owing to Hitler's nervousness," writes Panzer General Guderian. "The reason he subsequently gave for holding back my corps—that the ground in Flanders with its many ditches and canals was not suited to tanks—was a poor one."

Now in the official British history of this campaign—*The War in France and Flanders 1939-40*, by Major L. F. Ellis (H. M. Stationery Office, 37s. 6d.)—Rundstedt and his colleagues are, in effect, branded as liars.

"Neither the orders of Hitler nor those of anyone else allowed the British Expeditionary Force to escape," writes Major Ellis. "The plain truth is that the German Army and Air Force did their utmost to prevent it but failed. It was a failure of the professional."

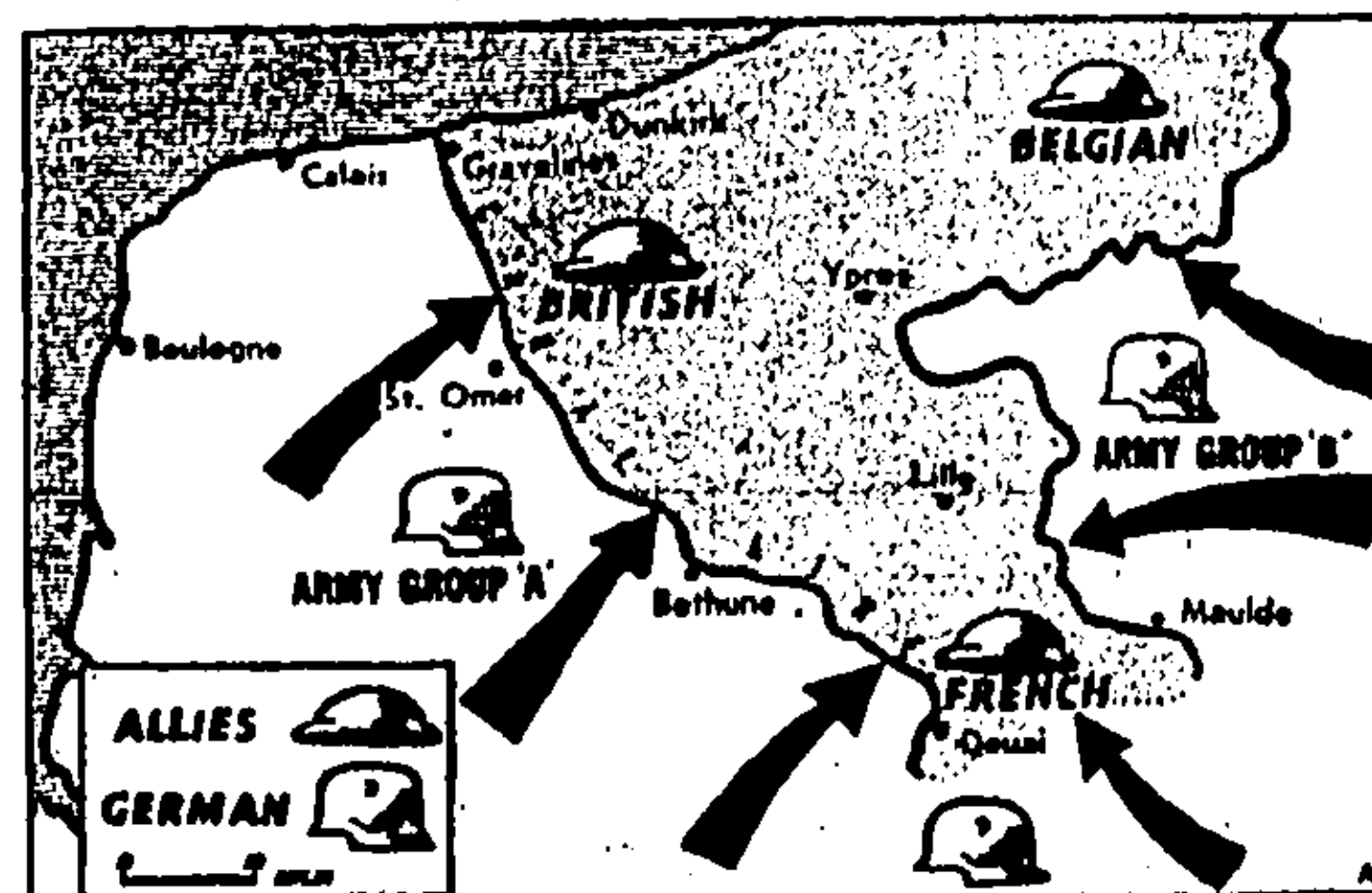
soldiers and the Army High Command, but it was as much a failure of the fighting troops as it was of the generals. It was not due to any orders initiated by Hitler."

And Major Ellis has dug deep into the War Diaries and Orders written at the time to prove his contention. This evidence, he asserts, shows conclusively that the first order to halt the German tanks was given by Rundstedt, not Hitler, on the evening of May 23.

believed that evacuation by sea would be impossible in the face of Goering's promises that the Luftwaffe would destroy the port facilities of Dunkirk, and that the advancing German infantry would have plenty of time to finish off the British force.

But does it really matter who gave this order—Rundstedt or Hitler? Yes, if the German officer caste is to be prevented from talking themselves out of

### THE CRITICAL MAY 23 ...



Tactical situation on the day the German tanks halted

It was only on the 24th, 16 hours later, that Hitler first learned of this order from Rundstedt himself and endorsed it. And in the subsequent attempts by other officers to get the panzer divisions moving again it was Rundstedt who supported Hitler's view that the Dunkirk country was unsuitable for tanks and that they should be preserved for the subsequent fighting to capture Paris.

Does this mean that both Rundstedt and Hitler were prepared to "allow" the British to escape? Not at all. They merely

the blame for two major military defeats.

The leaders of the Wehrmacht have always been adept at explaining away their own incompetence. Treason on the home front was their excuse for losing the First World War. Now they are busily fashioning a wreath of blame for the last war and laying it at the clumsy feet of Adolf Hitler.

Dunkirk is but one of a long series of errors attributed to German generals to Hitler's personal interference. Stalin, grad, El Alamein, Malta would

all have been victories instead of defeats had the Officer Corps had their way.

Now that a rearmaged Germany is almost with us again, it is important that their true value as fighting men be properly assessed. And this detailed account of the tragic fall of France reveals that even in victory the Germans were far from supermen.

And, just in case we have forgotten this book reminds us that it was not the French and Poles and Russians alone that were victims of German brutality.

"A hundred men of the 2nd Royal Norfolk were taken prisoner when the house in which they were surrounded was finally overrun by troops of the S. S. Totenkopf Division."

"They had fought hard, and many were wounded. After being disarmed and searched, they were ordered to march in single file past a large barn."

"As they did so, two machine guns, which had been set up 300 yards away, moved them down."

"Any who still showed signs of life were shot and bayoneted."

"It is noteworthy that the (German) Army authorities left the crime unpunished, though it was fully reported to them at the time."

### Never broken

THERE is not much that is new in this dry and technical account of those terrible days. The furnace of defeat always yields up red-hot ashes of inefficiency, misunderstanding and despair.

But under Lord Gort, the British Expeditionary Force small and under-equipped as it was, did all that was expected of it. Its front was never broken. It fulfilled the task laid on it by the French High Command.

And the men of the three fighting Services came back from Dunkirk with the conviction that on reasonably equal terms they could defeat the vaunted Wehrmacht.

Neither the excuses nor afterthoughts of German generals are now likely to make them change their minds.

### MRS SUGAR RAY WILL DANCE

From EVELYN IRONS

New York. EDNA MAE ROBINSON, slender, glamorous 5ft. 2 1/2 in. wife of Sugar Ray, admits she has pretty well everything a girl can want.

She has a healthy, limply young son of four, now in his first year at school. She has a husband making plenty of money since he switched from the middleweight championship of the world to tap-dancing, real estate, dry-cleaning, restaurant business and selling lingerie.

She has a ten-room dream house in the well-heeled Riverdale section of the Bronx. She has so many dresses that she can wear a different one every day for three months.

And Sugar Ray doesn't like it at all.

Lively lovely Edna Mae was a dancer at a night club when she first became acquainted with the then not so famous boxer. They met in 1940, when he threw Edna, who could not swim, into the deep end of a New York swimming pool. She gave up dancing when they married.

### FIRST TRY FAILED

Now she wants to return to show business. Not as a dancer, however—but on the legitimate stage.

She has failed at her first try. She had the lead part—the "dumb broad" London remembers as Judy Holliday—in the tough, rough comedy about a millionaire, junkman, "Born Yesterday." She received good notices. But Robinson, pronounced the New York Times, "has a natural flair for comedy."

I saw the show and agreed with that verdict.

The play reached Broadway after a successful out-of-town try-out. But it folded after half a dozen performances.

"Sugar Ray has never once said 'I told you so,'" said his wife ruefully. "And that makes it worse."

London may see Edna Mae in a show this year. Sugar Ray is bringing a company to Europe in May, and he has asked his wife to dance in it. She has agreed. "But I still want to be an actress," she says. "I'm dancing just to please him." It will be her first appearance as a dancer since her marriage.

"No wife of mine is going to travel in one direction and me in another," said Sugar Ray in 1943. He has not changed his mind. And if Edna Mae accepts another stage engagement apart from his own show, she knows one thing for sure. She will say it again.

## NEW LINE IN "PEACE" IS SAME OLD TRICK

By Julius Gould

Lecturer on Sociology at the London School of Economics

THE Communist campaign for "peace and national independence" goes on unrelentingly. It is the greatest deception of the century—but Moscow's allies and agents never let up. Even when faced with failure and exposure, they keep up the "party line."

Over the last five years, while shouting about "peace" the Communists have launched a ruinous aggressive war in Korea and maintained (with varying success) armed rebellions in other lands in South-East Asia. The record seems very strange—in Europe they talk of peace; in Asia they shed blood without mercy.

And now with Stalin dead and the new Moscow regime sorting out its affairs, the Communists talk of a "relaxation in world tension" and claim credit for bringing it about! Thus

Malenkov in his New Year message declares that "governments cannot fail to heed the voice of the peoples and to reckon with their growing desire for a lasting peace."

The Communist line insists that the leaders of the free world have been in some special way "coerced" into "relaxing world tension" under pressure from the "partisans for peace." Were the issues less desperate, there would be high comedy here.

The British people certainly seek "peace and national independence"—for themselves and their colonial territories. They are not interested in what Moscow calls "peace," that is, surrender to Russian strategy; they are not attracted to what the Communists call "national independence," that is, national suicide and "russification."

In this the British are not unique. The Finns felt that way before Russia dropped bombs upon them in the Winter War 14 years ago. The Koreans also wanted peace—and Chinese "volunteers" brought them misery and death. The Czechs, the Poles, the East Germans also wanted "national independence"—but the Russian agents and Russian tanks destroyed their freedom.

### True facts

No, if world tension relaxes, it will not be because the British, or any other peoples, have become gullible. For Communist actions have spoken louder than Communist words, louder even than the double talk of the World "Peace" Council.

The true facts are very different from the Communist version. In the first place Communist expansion has provoked a firm alliance among the free peoples, an alliance which Moscow's tricks and promises have failed to break. Communist expansion has been halted at heavy cost in Korea and elsewhere. Collective security against aggression is no dream, as it was in 1938, but a solid fact with which an aggressor must reckon.

Secondly—and just as important—the strains imposed by Stalin upon Russia and her satellites have proved unbearable.

able. And since Stalin died, the rulers of Communist Europe have been forced to face up to this. Throughout 1953 the "contradictions within Communism" were shown to be violent and deep-seated.

For years Communist governments had devised grandiose schemes of economic development. For years they had tried to operate these schemes in the face of growing tensions between Party and people. For years they relied upon two weapons for taming the "masses" they claimed to represent. First there was the terror of the police State—with its apparatus of spies and concentration camps. And the second weapon was hatred of the foreigner, the wicked "encircling" capitalist, whose crimes were legion.

### Both failed

Yet both these weapons failed. Neither the terror-State nor the ideology of hate sufficed to deliver the goods from factory or farm. Somehow, somewhere, despite the most sustained and savage pressures, human nature—the great enemy of Communism—has proved very, very stubborn. So in 1953 the brakes were put on the brakes.

Europe—not, we may be sure, from an outburst of "liberalism" but because of sheer necessity, political and economic. Do the Communist Powers seek to "go slow" internationally as well as at home? We have yet to see whether they do. We have yet to find out what the vague phrase "relaxation of world tension" really means. But when, and if, such "relaxation" comes (and to date it is far from certain that it will) it will not be because the free peoples have been seduced by the World "Peace" Council or because Mr. Malenkov wants a restful old age. Only a few brave fellows, travellers could swallow that! It will come about because Soviet ambitions have, for the moment, outpaced Communist strength.

### Pressure group

If a "go slow" becomes practicable, the question remains "on what terms?" Here Moscow still relies upon the "party line" for "peace" to press their governments to accept Moscow's terms—whatever they may be. And the "partisans for peace" will be quick to exploit this new role. For they are a Moscow pressure-group behind our lines, acutely sensitive to Soviet strategy. They may well feel that a new "softer" phase means their business easier for their goal is to disarm the West psychologically, to foster an atmosphere congenial for Soviet aims.

Discredited and outpaced though they may be, we would be foolish to ignore them. For if (and as yet it is a big "if") Soviet tactics are changing, the peace-merchants will change their tactics too. Their strategy will remain the same—to undermine the West, to embarrass its leadership, and to confuse its public opinion. Their contribution to genuine peace and to understanding between nations will remain as before—absolutely nil. We should do well to remind them that this is so—and to brace ourselves for new deceptions from the old firm.

### POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



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# THE HONGKONG SELECTION ELEVEN HAD MORE WILL TO WIN—THEY WON 3-0

Says I. M. MacTAVISH

In a grand entertaining match The Hongkong Selection fully merited their 3-0 victory over the Koegs Boldklub from Denmark in the second game of the series at the Club Stadium yesterday.

The Hongkong team played together with delightful understanding and their performance was much better than that put up by the premier local side on the previous day. There was not a weak link in the team and their victory was a just reward for superior skill, team work... and above all a greater will to win.

There were two changes in the local team. Honnball came in at centre-half and did his job with typical efficiency, while Stevens of the Army, who was invited at the last moment to take the place of his usual partner Longland, was the outstanding half back. Both in attack and in defence he gave a peerless display and his work was an inspiration to all around him.

The game again provided an unusual incident and that was that which will probably be discussed for a long time. During a strong attack on the Koegs goal Bennett, in an effort to get his head to the ball, landed in the back of the net.

He immediately realised that his mates still had a chance to score so he dashed forward, in the back of the net. The ball broke free to H. Cheung-yau and the Sing Tao youngster wasted no time in smashing it into the back of the net.

Referee Mak declared the goal and awarded a free kick ON THE GOAL LINE. When asked about his decision the referee stated that he had penalised Bennett for leaving the field without permission.

This game was a triumph of the local boys from first to last and the hero of the afternoon was Ho Ying-fun who scored all three goals. He notched two in the first half and one in the second, and all three were most satisfying displays on the right wing.

MacLaren gave an immediate performance in goal and richly deserved the plaudits of the crowd. The heroic defence of Armstrong and Wells was very good and while chanted the selectors that they made a bat

**THE MAC TAVISH  
STAR RATINGS**  
Hongkong Selection

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Armstrong	.....
Wells	.....
Tung Sun	.....
Honnball	.....
Stevens	.....
Ho Yui-lun	.....
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Bennett	.....
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Chu Wing-wah	.....
Koegs Boldklub	.....
Olsen	.....
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Sorensen	.....
Hansen	.....
P. Petersen	.....
Staalsgaard	.....

The MacTavish ratings have been awarded to the substitutes who played in the second half.

**ALL HONGKONG 1,  
KOEGS BOLDKUB 1**

A splendid crowd turned out on Wednesday to welcome the Koegs Boldklub in their first game at the Club Stadium. The visitors played well enough within themselves but they did not impress as some other European sides have done.

The All Hongkong side with two enforced changes—Fraser for Ho Po-keung and Longland for Tong Sheung—did not rise to any great heights and they were very fortunate that the Koegs team did not turn early defensive errors into goals.

There were several weak links in the home side and Lau Yee, Lee Tai-fai and Yui Cheuk-yin did little to enhance their reputations.

The selection of Lee Tai-fai at outside-right was a big mistake and he looked uncomfortable and very much out of position. He had several good chances to win this game but he squandered them all.

One of all was an atrocious attempt at a penalty kick which he sent many yards wide of the goalkeeper's left hand post. It was suggested around me in the stands that he made no attempt to score as the penalty award had been hotly disputed by the Koegs players.

It was so... and certainly it looked suspiciously like it... it was a foolish act, and not a sporting one, as so many people seemed to think.

Early play was slightly in favour of the home side but in the 14th minute P. E. Petersen centred on... to a delightful through pass, and from an acute angle, guided the ball into the far corner of the net.

A couple of bad defensive

mistakes nearly cost the Hongkong team further goals and only a brilliant Granger save and a desperate goal-line clearance by Lau Yee saved the situation.

Lee Tai-fai took a free-kick outside the penalty area and the spectators were on their feet cheering a tremendous scoring drive only to find that the referee had ordered the kick to be retaken for "encroaching".

The circumstances surrounding this kick are most interesting and I shall deal with the various aspects of it more fully tomorrow.

The second-half the local boys settled down to play a much better game and some of the Koegs players faded so badly that one wondered if they were really fit enough to last the pace to the end.

The equalising goal was a very good one... not so much in the actual scoring as in the constructive work that led up to it.

Chan Fai-hung slipped the ball across field to Longland and the soldier carried it ahead before sending an inch-perfect pass down the left wing to Elting Lok-sung. The centre forward wasted no time in getting the ball across the goal.

The speed of the move caught the defenders on the wrong foot and Lee Tai-fai took his time and sent the ball into the net off the far post. Goalkeeper Elting appeared to think that the ball was travelling wide of the goal and made very little effort to stop it.

From then until the end of the game the Hongkong side was in complete control and they were not to be shaken. They performed brilliantly in the Koegs goal. One save from King Lok-sung was a masterly effort but generally he did not seem nearly so happy about shots on the ground as he was in the air.

In the closing stages, Lau Cheung-yau carried the ball down the field in a courageous run. He was fouled several times but managed to hold and control the ball and from his pass it was shot into the net... the cheers were cut short when it was seen that Referee Barnett had awarded a free kick to Hongkong... it seemed that a more sensible application of the advantage rule here might have brought victory to the home side.

In the Hongkong team only Granger, Chan Fai-hung and Longland played as well as they did. Lau Yee, Fraser and Hau Ching-to started unimpressively, came on to a better game later, and then finished strongly. Lau Yee had a poor game and he was too often beaten by Erik Nielsen on the wing.

The forward line simply did not click and King Lok-sung never looked as dangerous here as he has done in the Kitcher line-up.

Szeio Man worked hard enough but never controlled his side at the attack as an inside forward should. Yui Cheuk-yin was seldom seen and there must be some doubt about his real fitness.

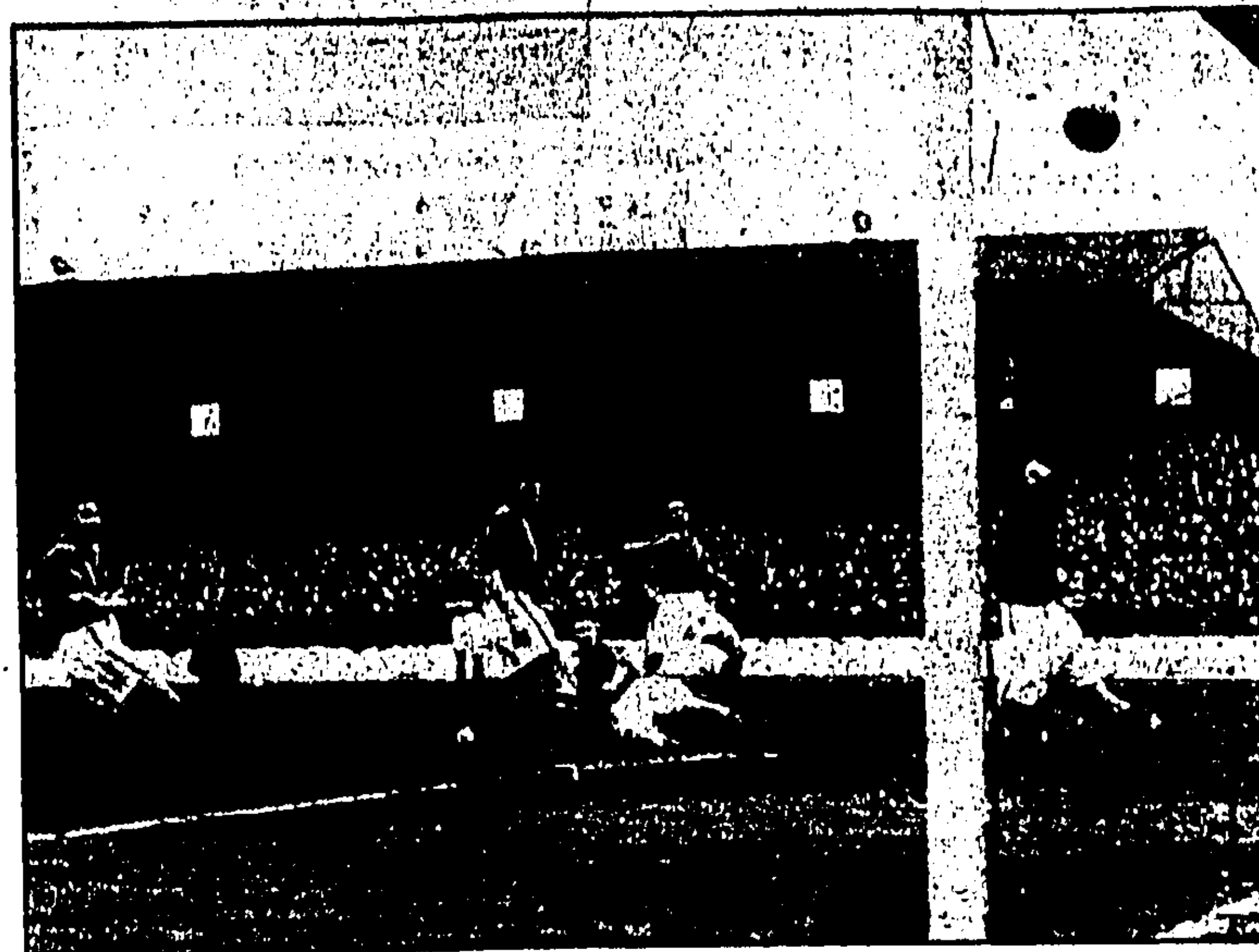
For the visitors goalkeeper Elting, centre-half Andersen, and the brother Petersen in the forward line were best. P. E. Petersen at inside-right gave a fine display and must rank as just about the best inside forward we have seen here in a long time.

VERDICT: This was good holiday entertainment but from a football point of view the game never rose to any great heights. The visitors, coming as they did with such a fine reputation, were in some ways a disappointment. The local side lacked a scheming forward to pull the defence out of position, and Lee Tai-fai, good player that he is, is no outside right... and an uninspiring captain.

**THE MAC TAVISH  
STAR RATINGS**  
All Hongkong

Granger	.....
Hau Yung-sang	.....
Lau Yee	.....
Chan Fai-hung	.....
Fraser	.....
Longland	.....
Lee Tai-fai	.....
Szeio Man	.....
King Lok-sung	.....
Yui Cheuk-yin	.....
Hau Ching-tao	.....
Koegs Boldklub	.....
Elting	.....
Barnholm	.....
Kurt Hansen	.....
Sorensen	.....
Andersen	.....
A. Nielsen	.....
Erik Nielsen	.....
P. E. Petersen	.....
Jens P. Hansen	.....
L. Petersen	.....
P. Hansen	.....

## DONCASTER ROVERS v. EVERTON



A near miss for Everton's Eglinton as he shoots over the bar in the match with Doncaster Rovers at Doncaster. On his right is Doncaster's Paterson. This Second Division League match ended in a two-all draw.

## Portugal Beat Pakistan 9-3 After A Tight First Four Innings

By "SNOOPER"

Manager Art Ozorio and coach Ed Carvalho are to be congratulated on an important reform in the hitting strategy of the Portuguese team against Jindoo Hussain's Pakistan yesterday. Portugal's heavy sluggers hit pitcher A. R. Saleh no fewer than 10 times to give their team a well-deserved 9-3 victory.

It will be something of an achievement itself should Portugal topple the defending Champions, China, in the final to be played over Easter. Yesterday China walked into the final round when Great Britain failed to field a team to the disappointment of many.

What looked like a close and tight game as Pakistan played heads-up ball for four innings turned out to be an easy triumph for Portugal in the later junctures of the contest.

Pakistan's infielders in catcher A. K. Ismail, first baseman Jindoo Hussain, second baseman A. K. Ismail and shortstop Sherry Bucks appeared on an unhappy lot in the face of the powerful low hits of the Portuguese batters. But the player who was ready on all occasions was third baseman Benny Omar who played a grand game throughout.

There was some doubt of pitcher A. R. Saleh's ability at the start of the game, but the stout moundman of the Saints gave a creditable show and had been given better support from the infielders Pakistan would not have gone down ignominiously.

In their defeat, the outfielders—left fielder A. Rakha, centre fielder A. Ditta and right fielder Tiger Hussain—all from the Rexas, put up a grand show.

The manner and timing of their throw-in was a great delight to watch while their infielders gave a bewildering, floundering performance.

Pitcher Vic Pedruco played an important role in Portugal's victory. The Saints' number one hurler permitted the Pakistan batters to hit him only four times in the course of the nine-inning game.

**SOUSA'S GRAND GAME**  
Catcher Sousa never meant more to manager Ozorio and coach Carvalho than he did yesterday. "Cuscut" topped the batting list of successful batters with a three-hit display and the ball sense that he exhibited yesterday was that of one of the foremost catchers in local softball today.

The absence of star players in right fielder Spilly Gutierrez and third baseman Junior Remedios, who were engaged in an Interport hockey match against Macao, made this a critical game for Ozorio and Carvalho, who had to find two good men to deputise for them.

But third sacker Eddie Loureiro and left fielder Frankie Corvica won the confidence of their colleagues and if there was any doubt of their capabilities the good brand of ball they demonstrated yesterday.

The Chinese girls made it a point of being as jolly as ever for the Chinese New Year and their spirit never appeared so scintillating, but despite their good spirits they were outplayed by a much better team of ball-players.

Sally Sun gave an impressive display. Others deserving credit were shortstop Amy Cheng, left fielder Y. C. Kwan, Prominent in the batting department were Sally Sun, Stella Pih, Bonnie Chan and Eugenia Kwok who together collected six hits off pitcher Terry Noronha.

The teams—  
Portugal: Pitcher—Terry Noronha; Catcher—Nana Carvalho; 1st base—Doreen Ozorio; 2nd base—Stella Silva; 3rd base—Bonnie Chan; Shortstop—Irene Starkey; Left fielder—Alex Mendonca; Diane Pires; Centre fielder—Antonia Remedios; Right fielder—Yolande Silva, Bernadine Remedios.

China: Pitcher—Pearl Chan; Catcher—Eugenia Kwok; 1st base—Sally Sun; 2nd base—M. K. Chan; 3rd base—Bonnie Chan; Shortstop—Amy Cheng; Left fielder—S. Fong Y. C. Kwan; Centre fielder—Stella Pih; Right fielder—L. S. Yim.

**LADIES' FINAL**  
In a game, that proved the less exciting one of the Ladies' International series, Portugal retained their Championship by beating China 9-5 in the second round yesterday. The Portuguese girls whipped the Chinese 12-1 in the first round encounter played on New Year Day.

Portugal's five-hit-five-run inning moved the fair crowd of holiday fans to a point of extreme excitement. It appeared that Portugal would score another runaway victory, but as it turned out, China's pitcher Pearl Chan gave one of her finest performances on the mound to hold down the Portuguese batters in the remaining innings.

China, who captured the International Championship in 1952 when Portugal conceded a walkover, showed great spirit yesterday, but their confidence was shaken by the all-round superiority of the champion Portuguese lasses.

Best player on view was shortstop Irene Starkey of the Whooes "A". It was her impressive batting and fielding

## HKCC Beat Combined Clubs By 6 Wickets

The Hongkong Cricket Club beat the Combined Civilian Clubs by six wickets in the two-day cricket match completed at Chater Road yesterday.

Centuries were scored by George Souza in the Combined Clubs' first innings and by R. W. Franklin in the HKCC's first innings. Souza's 103 included a six and 12 fours and Franklin's 116 a six and 14 fours.

Scores were:

Combined Clubs, 1st Innings	Bowling
P. R. Ragl, b. Stanton 10	O. M. R. W.
G. A. Souza, c. Leader b. 103	20 1 70 2
Stanton 7	11 0 50 0
Monteiro, lbw, b. Mahon 7	A. T. Lee 11 0 40 2
A. T. Lee, b. van Oorde 4	8 0 15 0
P. A. Hall, c. Leader b. 53	3 1 18 0
Mahon 15	Ragl 4 0 20 0
M. A. d'A. Remedios, b. 15	R. E. Lee 6 0 27 3
Rowe 15	Dodge 4 1 18 0
P. V. Dodge, st. Leader b. 64	Combined Clubs, 2nd Innings
Leach 24	A. Zimmerman, b. Mahon 23
J. C. Koh, not out 24	B. P. Dhabher, c. Leader b. 4
R. E. Lee, c. Bruce b. Leach 5	Mahon 1
A. Zimmerman, b. Mahon 4	R. E. Lee, b. Mahon 1
B. P. Dhabher, b. Leach 4	A. T. Lee, c. Rowe b. Mahon 10
Extras 4	J. C. Koh, c. Kibbee b. Stanton 3
Total 301	G. A. Souza, st. Leader b. Leach 30

Bowling

O. M. R. W.
Mahon 21 5 41 3
Stanton 21 2 68 2
van Oorde 6 1 26 1
Leach 13 4 2 68 3
Bruce 5 0 35 0
Rowe 4 0 37 1

HKCC, 1st Innings

O. M. R. W.
G. T. Rowe, b. A. T. Lee 29
C. J. B. Leader, c. Monteiro b. A. T. Lee 45
R. W. Franklin, run out 110
D. W. Leach, b. Dhabher 110
L. Stanton, st. Zimmerman 0
b. Dhabher 35
L. D. Kibbee, c. Remedios b. R. E. Lee 24
E. S. Russell, c. Ragl b. R. E. Lee 3
A. Bruce, not out 5
T. P. Mahon, c. Dodge b. R. E. Lee 0
J. C. Filicoff, not out 0
Extras 0
Total (for 7 wickets declared) 122

HKCC, 2nd Innings

O. M. R. W.
Mahon 8 1 28 4
Stanton 8 0 39 1
Leach 5 1 25 2
van Oorde 4 3 0 28 0

Bowling

O. M. R. W.
Mahon 8 1 28 4
Stanton 8 0 39 1
Leach 5 1 25 2
van Oorde 4 3 0 28 0

Total (for 8 wickets declared) 270

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Sunday's Athletic Meeting

Sir—With reference to the article by "Recorder" on the Hongkong versus Kowloon Athletic Meeting, which appeared in Monday's edition, I wish to clarify certain points in the article which may have given readers a wrong impression of the conduct of the meeting.

The Long Jump was completed before the commencement of the Hammer Throw as the same group of Field Judges officiated in both events, and therefore all Long Jump competitors should have been clear of the hammer-throwing area as there was ample time between these events.

The race walkers did not compete in a lap race on the track. The course of the 1½ Miles Road Walk started near the Broadway Cinema and only the last 85 yards was on the track at Boundary Street. This event was scheduled to start at 2.10 p.m.

The One Mile event was also scheduled to commence at 2.10 p.m. so that the track would be clear when the race walkers arrived on the ground, but unfortunately the One Mile started behind schedule. There was, however, little confusion as each of the road walkers were fortunately covering their last 85 yards as the One Mile runners were rounding the first bend at the other end of the track. This clash naturally will be guarded against in any future meeting in which a 1½ Mile Road Walk appears on the programme.

The meeting was run exactly to schedule as laid down on the programme except for the above point and the last four events, namely the Pole Vault, and century, the Pole Vault, which were held up by the close competition and excitement throughout in the Three Miles event.

J. KIRKWOOD  
Asst. Secretary  
HKAAA

IN CLARIFICATION  
Long jumper Ng Chuan-wai came near to being hit by a

It may be argued that the hop, steppers had no business to be warming up, but in the earlier long jump event they were told to start without a trial run-through and were making sure of testing their approach run before the hop, step competition actually started.

The race walkers did not compete in a lap race. The wrong impression created in Monday's report of the meeting was rectified in Tuesday's sports pages after Mr. Kennedy Skipton had pointed out the error to us.

"Recorder" wishes to make it clear that he has no criticism of Mr. Kirkwood's arrangements of the time table and has a high regard for his organisational talent.

His criticism on Monday was directed against the HKAAA's unnecessary policy of haste. The long jumpers and the throwers could have been given more than three trials and could have been allowed a short period to warm up. There was enough time for this. This programme, in fact, was considerably shorter than it is normally.

## THE GAMBOLS



## By Barry Appleby



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 Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th Jan., 1954.

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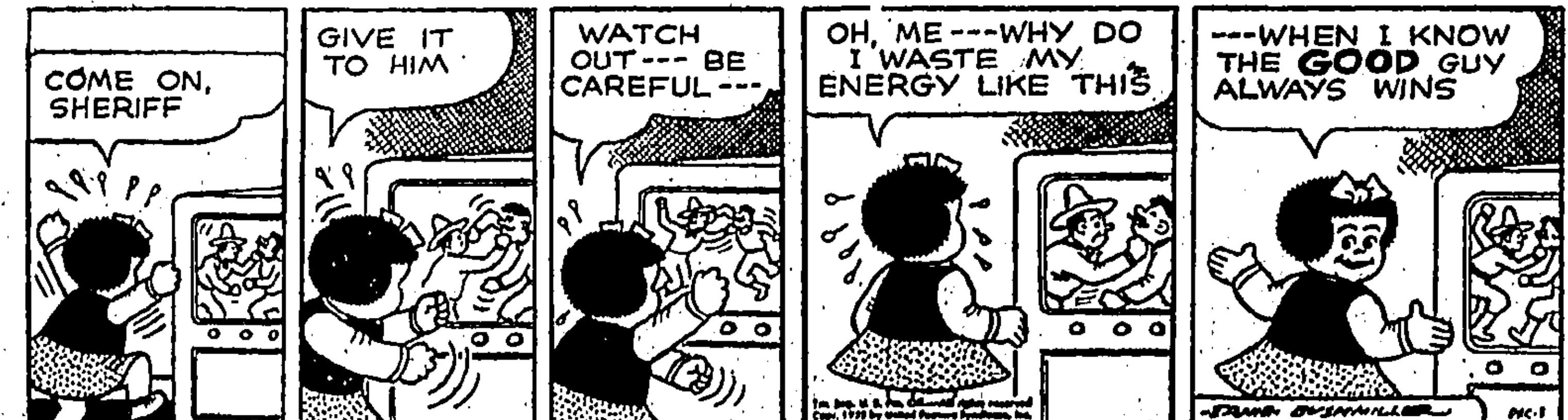
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## US RECESSION HAS STARTED SAYS

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### MR BUTLER Commons Debate On Finance Talks

London, Feb. 4.  
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr R. A. Butler, told the House of Commons today the so-called trade recession in the United States had already started and that "we are already beginning to pass through it."

He was opening a debate on the recent meeting of Commonwealth Finance Ministers in Sydney.

The American index of production fell to 128 in December. It was 130 in November and 137 in January last year, he said.

### Refused To Cook For Him For 12 Years

Derby, Feb. 4.  
A man was granted a divorce for "desertion" here though he had been living in the same house as his wife.  
Judge Sir Henry Brand said Howard James Ashmore had been treated by his wife since 1941 "with rather less consideration than an unwanted piece of furniture."  
Mrs Ashmore had for 12 years refused to cook or provide any domestic service for her husband, the judge said. — China Mail Special.

### US Concerned At Situation In SE Asia

Washington, Feb. 4.  
United States military sources said today the Administration is now considering what further measures might have to be taken to prevent the expansion of Communism in South-East Asia as the result of recent events in Indo-China.

These sources said that the Administration was frankly worried about the morale of the Vietnam forces in Indo-China as the result of a number of military posts being given up in the south of that country with very little resistance.

They pointed out that this fact could affect future planned operations as the Vietnam forces are needed to defend increasingly large areas in Indo-China to enable the French Union forces to be mobile to smash the Communist Vietminh troops.

They said that President Eisenhower is reported to be personally concerned and has approved a committee to be set up to study the situation and to take up suggestions made by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and other bodies concerned with the stopping of Communism in Asia.

NO FURTHER ADVANCES  
The sources said that the United States is not prepared to see any further advance of Communism in South-East Asia and it is known that a number of proposals have already been made as to what additional measures could be taken. Thus, Admiral Arthur Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is reported to have recommended the blockade of Communist China.

Other officials, they said, have recommended the possibility of close co-operation between a number of Asiatic countries in that area, such as Thailand, the Philippines and Formosa, to stop further aggression.

They said that any such proposal would probably involve an appeal to the United Nations that aggression has been committed in Indo-China by the Communist forces.

Another proposal, they said, would involve considering whether United States military training missions should be sent to Indo-China "if that could improve Vietnam morale and help their training." — United Press.

He added: "The conclusion I want you to draw from these figures both as to the effect on our exports and the figures of the index is that, in fact, this so-called recession had already started and that we are already beginning to pass through it."

Mr Butler also made these points:  
Dollar market: "If we can buy cheap foodstuffs and raw materials in this market, we should do so in the interests of the standard of living of our people and of raw materials for industry." This was Government policy. It was "crucial to our competitive power, our exports and our standard of living."

European trade: "I am convinced that if we were to go back on our liberalisation policy in Europe, the retaliation on our exports would be far worse than what we have to envisage now."

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE  
Imperial Preference: Dealing with this system by which Commonwealth countries give each other preference in trade, Mr Butler said: "It is the United Kingdom, which through all this difficult period has kept an open door for all imports from the sterling area. That remains our policy."

The Government had hoped to get abolition of the "no new Imperial Preference rule" in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

But other nations and the Commonwealth were not so keen. "We believe in preferences and would like to use them wherever possible," he added.

He added: "The view of the Commonwealth as a whole is that they wish to see existing preferences retained. Therefore, a great deal of nonsense is said about the preferential system being abandoned altogether."

The Commonwealth was looking to other methods of expanding trade while keeping the preference system.

Mr Butler denied that the Commonwealth might form a collective or closed self-contained ring with or without Europe.

The sterling area had to import wheat, iron ore, timber, wood pulp, cotton, tobacco, coarse grain, meat and aluminium, so it was not self-sufficient.

He was convinced that a collective Commonwealth approach together with the European Payments Union towards a freer trade and payments system was still the best line to adopt.

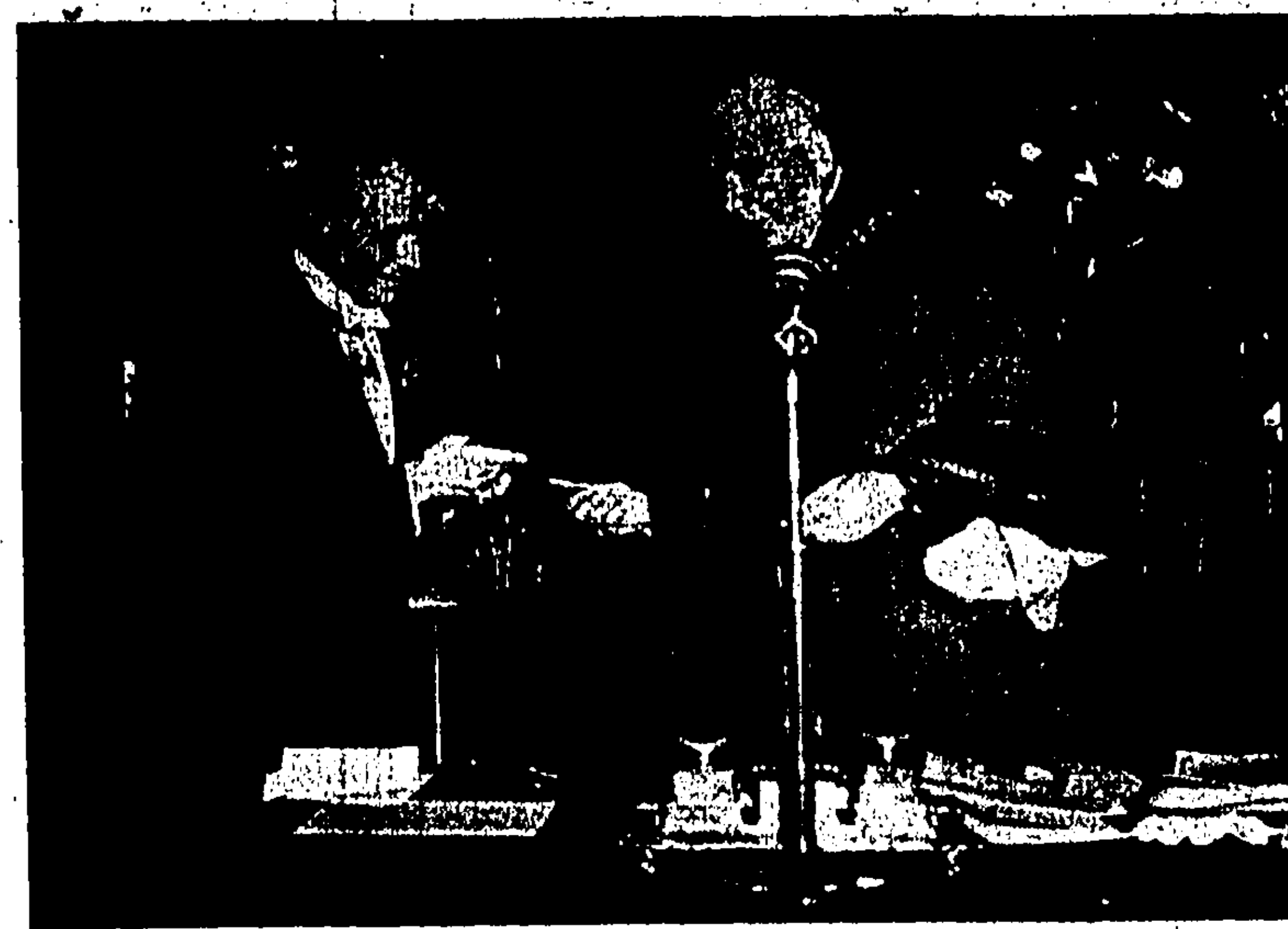
That meant the economies and defence systems of the free world, beyond the Atlantic, in the Pacific and in Europe, were inevitably linked.

On the question of convertibility of sterling, Mr Butler said: "If our currency reverts to convertibility, it will be stronger. This would redound to the advantage of the city of London and would bring much more credit to our trade." — Reuter.

### Snow Worries Bucharest

Vienna, Feb. 4.  
Snow is causing such trouble in the Bucharest area of Rumania that skiers had to deliver bread from bakeries to retail shops today, said the Rumanian news agency, Agropress tonight.

In many bakeries, the workers themselves were unable to report for work, and telephone communications have been cut. The Cabinet today had to take steps to ensure that cities were supplied, and citizens were asked to help clear the streets, according to Agropress. — France-Press.



The Lord Mayor of Manchester presents the freedom of the city to the leader of the Opposition, Mr Clement Attlee, in the form of a Resolution of Confirmation in illuminated writing on vellum.

### McCarthy Scorns Complaints: "We Scared Hell Out Of A Few Commies Last Year"

Washington, Feb. 4.  
Senator Joseph R. McCarthy today brushed aside a charge that congressional investigators hampered American propaganda efforts abroad and declared, "We scared hell out of a few Commies."

### US Citizen Escaped From Czechs

Washington, Feb. 4.  
The State Department said today that the United States citizen, Jan Chvasta, said to have been released from a Czechoslovakian prison today, had in fact escaped from prison several months ago and taken refuge in the American embassy in Prague.

The announcement of his release was made in Radio Prague today. The State Department said that the 28-year-old American was quoted for 10 years on charges of espionage by a Czech court in 1950.

He left Prague by air this morning with two other American officials, and arrived in Nuremberg this afternoon. He is flying from there to New York, where his parents lived.

According to the State Department, the Prague Government only gave permission to him to leave the country yesterday.

Chvasta is of Czech origin, having migrated to America in 1939, and became an American in 1944. He returned to Czechoslovakia in 1948 to study, and found employment with the American consulate in Bratislava. — France-Press.

### Economic Union Proposal

London, Feb. 4.  
A Conservative Member of Parliament, Sir Robert Boothby, tonight appealed in the House of Commons for the creation of an economic union between the British Commonwealth and Europe.

This union would set up a third economic force apart from the dollar and Soviet blocs, he said. Another Conservative MP, Mr Julian Amery, supported Mr Boothby's appeal. Mr Boothby had made his appeal during the Commons debate on the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Conference in Sydney which he criticised for what he referred to as the meagre results achieved. — France-Press.

### Hull Beats Rovers

London, Feb. 4.  
Hull City beat Blackburn Rovers by two goals to one in their F. A. Cup fourth round replay at Hull today.  
Hull will now be at home to Tottenham Hotspur in the fifth round on February 20. — Reuter.

### McMahon Ball Visits HK Again

Professor W. McMahon Ball was among the passengers arriving from Melbourne in the mv Talyuan on Wednesday.  
Professor Ball, who is 52, has taught in the Melbourne University since he was 23. During the last war he served in the Government as the controller of the Australian Overseas Broadcasting Service. He was the representative of the British Commonwealth on the Allied Council for Japan in 1946 and 1947. He was also the Australian Minister in Japan. In 1949, Professor Ball left the public service and has been with the University since.

Apart from being a political professor, Professor Ball is a notable political writer. He wrote the book "Japan, Enemy, or Ally" in 1949 and finished another book entitled "Nationalism and Communism in East Asia" last year.

Professor Ball has been to Hongkong before. His last visit was in 1948 when he came as leader of the Australian Government's goodwill mission to South-East Asia.

Professor Ball is en route to Tokyo to obtain more material for a new book.

### French Fighting Delaying Action Against Vietminh

Vientiane, Feb. 4.  
The military headquarters in Vientiane, Northern Laos, today revealed the French Union forces yesterday fought delaying actions in the Muonghe region, 20 kilometres north-east of Muongla.

In the sharp Franco-Laotian rearguard action strongly supported from the air, 145 Vietminh dead were counted on the ground. The Franco-Laotian casualties amounted to several dead and missing.

No news was received today from these units which are operating in the thick jungle. In the same area, Franco-Laotian troops found a jungle-hidden 200-ton rice dump, one of several discovered in the neighbourhood and intended by the Vietminh to supply their troops.

In the Nambou valley in Central Laos, French Union troops are in continuous contact with the rebels, mainly around the Nam Bac River, a small tributary of the Nambou.

In the deep Nameng valley, where a column of the Vietminh 398th division has been located, no fighting was reported today. The Vietminh elements appeared to have scattered in small groups in the jungle area. Thick mist lasting late into the morning yesterday hampered air activity, but today the sky was clear, and B-26s accomplished their missions. — France-Press.

### Prince Bernhard Invited To South Africa

Capetown, Feb. 4.  
Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands has been invited today to an official visit to South Africa in September this year.

The South African Government is awaiting confirmation from the Hague of the Prince's acceptance of the invitation. — Reuter.

### Complications For Dr Jagan

London, Feb. 4.  
The deposed Prime Minister of British Guiana, Dr Cheddi Jagan, said tonight that his efforts to return to his home country were being complicated by the fact that the Dutch authorities would not permit him to make the necessary KLM overnight stay in Curacao Island, or in Dutch Guiana.

He added that the American authorities had refused him the necessary few hours in New York that a Pan-American Airways trip would involve. — France-Press.

## Russia Is Ready To Buy £400m. Worth Of UK Goods

Moscow, Feb. 4.  
The Soviet Foreign Trade Minister, Mr Ivan Kabanov, told British businessmen visiting Moscow today that Russia was prepared to place orders exceeding £400 million in Britain within the next three years.

Russia was ready for "a considerable increase" in the volume of trade "if British business circles have serious intentions of extending trade with the USSR," Mr Kabanov told 40 British businessmen at a meeting in the Soviet Foreign Trade Ministry.

Orders the Soviet Union was prepared to place included tankers, complete power stations, cargo ships, electrical equipment, textile machinery and consumer goods.

This "buy British" plan would boost Anglo-Soviet trade to a level higher than ever before.

Orders which the Soviet Union was ready to place with British firms between 1953 and 1957 included: 1,500 million roubles (about £110 million at the official rate of exchange) for ships; 600 million roubles for power equipment; 400 million roubles for forging and pressing equipment and machine tools; 375 million roubles for textile and wool industry machinery; 125 million roubles for miscellaneous equipment and about 1,500 million for raw materials, food and industrial consumer goods.

Mr Kabanov called the businessmen to a 30-minute session at the Foreign Trade Ministry where he handed them a list of equipment worth 3,000 roubles which Russia was prepared to order in Britain between 1955 and 1957.

He said that "given proper conditions in respect of normalities of Anglo-Soviet trade" orders would be placed by Soviet foreign trade organisations.

"Developments of trade between the USSR and Great Britain would be mutual advantage to both and would serve to strengthen mutual understanding and friendly relations between the two countries," he added.

CLOSER RELATIONS  
"I am sure that direct contact between the business people of Great Britain and the business people of our country and their discussions and studies will assist the establishment of closer relations between us," Mr Kabanov said.

It might be possible later to increase "the diversified and different character of goods which we should like to buy from Britain," he added.

Among the goods the Soviet Union said it might buy from Britain were: 15 salvage tugs, dredgers and suction dredgers; 10 gas and steam turbo carriers; 10 floating cranes, 150 steam boilers, 20 power trains, 150 diesel electric stations power transformers, 15 million roubles (£1,400,000) worth of cement, crushing and milling equipment, 500 miscellaneous machine tools, 27 bulldozers, 70,000 roubles (£6,400,000) worth of paper-making equipment. — Reuter.

### SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I haven't seen poor Alice in years—she joined one of those stuffy bridge clubs that insist all the members know how to play!"

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